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## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 Of this paper.

An Appendix including a partial English translation of WO 02/06812 is attached following page 6 of this paper.